Jefferson City School District

ESTABLISHED IN 1838
315 EAST DUNKLIN STREET
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Bryan McGraw

Dear JC Schools Families,

I'm excited to welcome you to the Jefferson City School District!

We're happy to have you at JC Schools, and we encourage you to get involved as a member of our school community. We have numerous educational and extracurricular opportunities for you, your student, and your family to participate in.

JC Schools parents and families are champions for our students — volunteering at our schools, attending concerts and plays, cheering on athletic teams, and much more. We want to partner with you to make our school district the best it can be.

We strive to keep our JC Schools families informed about what's happening in the district. Our goal is for our families to be knowledgeable about their child's school and the district as a whole. Keeping an open line of communication is important to us. We encourage you to maintain a connection with your child's school while also staying informed through our district-wide communications.

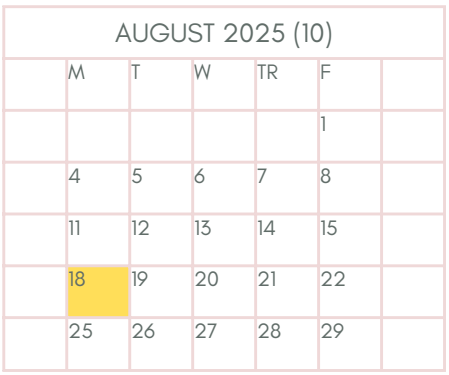
You can start learning more about JC Schools by visiting our district website: jcschools.us. Click "Our Schools" in the upper right corner to find your school and learn more.

We look forward to partnering with you for another successful school year!

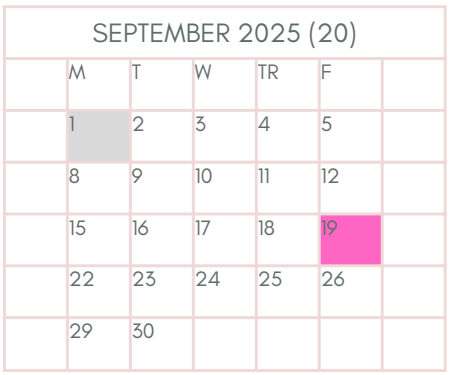
Sincerely,

Bryan McGraw
Superintendent
Jefferson City School District

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025-2026 STUDENT CALENDAR



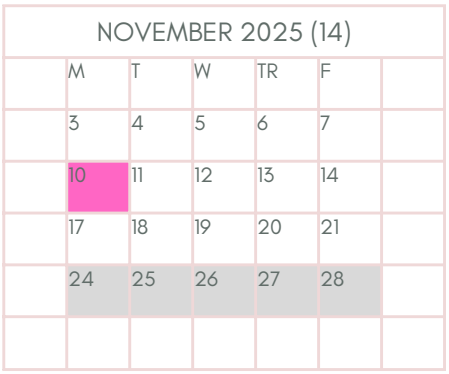
AUGUST 18: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 19: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

OCTOBER 13: STAFF EARNED DAY OFF - NO SCHOOL



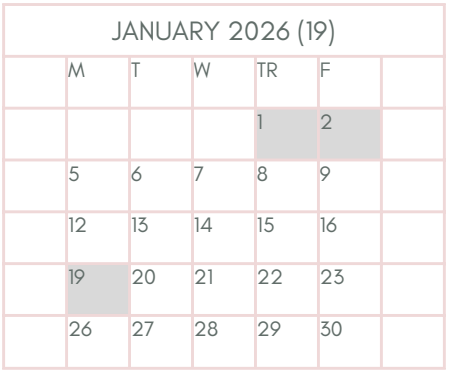
NOVEMBER 10: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 24 & 25: STAFF EARNED DAYS OFF - NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 26-28: THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

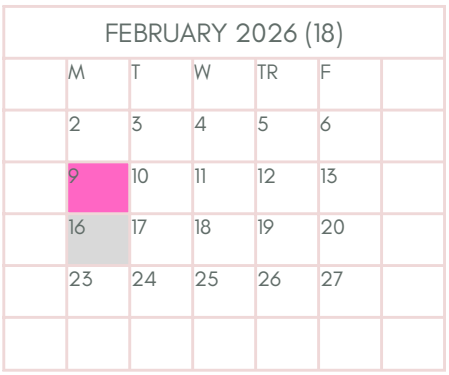
DECEMBER 19: 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 2: WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL



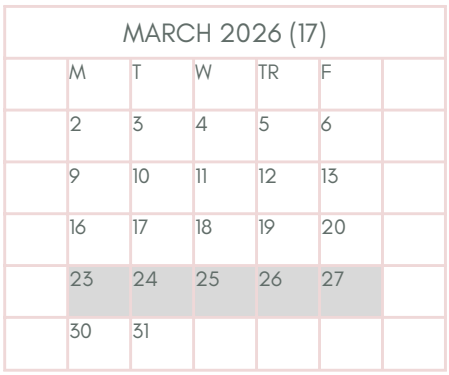
JANUARY 1 & 2: WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 19: MLK, JR DAY - NO SCHOOL



FEBRUARY 9: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 16: PRESIDENTS DAY- NO SCHOOL

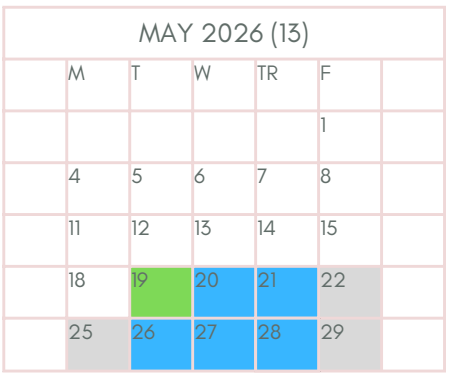


MARCH 23-26: SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

MARCH 27: STAFF EARNED DAY OFF - NO SCHOOL

APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY - 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS

APRIL 6: WEATHER MAKE-UP DAY IF NEEDED, OTHERWISE NO SCHOOL



MAY 19: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 3 HOUR EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS

MAY 22 & 29: STATE TRACK

APRIL 6, MAY 20-21, 26-28: WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS

CALENDAR BOARD APPROVED DATE 11/14/24 (169 STUDENT DAYS)

Jefferson City School District Schools' Start and Dismissal Times

Capital City High School 1650 Cavalier Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3286	8:40a.m. – 3:40p.m.	Buildings open at 8:10a.m. (Under direct supervision of a teacher, sponsor, or coach, students may enter the building at an early time through an approved entrance)
Jefferson City High School 609 Union St, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3070	8:40a.m. – 3:40p.m.	
Nichols Career Center 605 Union St, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3100	8:40a.m. – 3:40p.m.	
Jefferson City Academic Center 501 Madison St, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-2510	8:40a.m. – 3:40p.m.	

Lewis and Clark Middle School 325 Lewis & Clark Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3200	8:50a.m. – 3:50p.m.	Buildings will open at 8:20a.m. (students registered for before school care can arrive at 7:00a.m.)
Thomas Jefferson Middle School 1201 Fairgrounds Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3250	8:50a.m. – 3:50p.m.	

Belair Elementary 701 Belair Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3155	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	Buildings open at 7:15a.m.
Callaway Hills Elementary 2715 State Rd AA, Holts Summit, MO 65043	896-5051	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
Cedar Hill Elementary 1510 Vieth Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3160	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
East Elementary 1229 E McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3165	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
Lawson Elementary 1105 Fairgrounds Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3175	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
Moreau Heights Elementary 1410 Hough Park, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3180	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
North Elementary 285 S Summit Dr, Holts Summit, MO 65043	896-8304	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
Pioneer Trail Elementary 301 Pioneer Trail Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109	632-3400	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
South Elementary 707 Linden Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3185	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
Thorpe Gordon Elementary 1101 Jackson St, Jefferson City, MO 65101	659-3170	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	
West Elementary 100 Dix Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3195	7:45a.m. – 2:45p.m.	

Jefferson City Early Childhood Center 1840 E. McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65109	659-3026	8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Welcome Center	659-3043	fax: (573) 659-3028
Student Transportation of America	573-402-1624	

ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address changes during the school year, your student(s) may need to attend a different school based on school attendance boundaries. The Jefferson City School District Boundary Line Address Look-up Tool can be found on our website (www.jcschools.us) under Quick Links – Which School Will We Attend. To update your address, please take your new proof of residency to the school building(s) that your child/children will attend.

TRANSPORTATION

- Student Transportation of America (STA) will contact you with bus information (bus stop location, pick up/drop off time, and bus number)
- Elementary Buses:
  - Some stops at the furthest edge of the district may pick up as early as 6:15AM, but the vast majority of students will be picked up no earlier than 6:30AM. Buses will drop off at the school building as early as 7:15AM.
  - Schools dismiss at 2:45PM. Students will be dropped off between 2:55PM-3:30PM.
- Secondary Buses (middle/high schools):
  - The majority of students will be picked up between 7:20AM-8:05AM.
  - Students will be dropped off between 4:00PM-4:50PM.
- As is current practice, students will be given a specific pick-up time for their bus stop. The driver may arrive up to 10 minutes before the pick-up time or 10 minutes after the pick-up time.

BUS RIDER DROP-OFF POLICY/PROCEDURES

Per STA's policy, drop-off for young school bus riders requires that an authorized individual be present to receive the student when he/she disembarks the bus.

Young school bus riders are defined as:

- During the regular school year (August-May): Kindergarten and 1st grade students
- During summer school (June): incoming Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade students
- Students attending Early Childhood Special Education classrooms at JC Early Childhood Center

Additionally, some students have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) which requires an authorized individual to be present when the student disembarks the bus.

Authorized individuals include:

- A parent or guardian
- A sibling (3rd grade or older)

STA school bus drivers are asked to verify the identity of the authorized individual at the bus stop, if that person is unknown to the driver. Bus drivers are instructed to contact the transportation provider dispatch before allowing a student to disembark if the driver is unsure of the student's age and/or the individual at the bus stop.

If families are not able to meet this requirement, parents/guardians should contact STA.

SAFE STOP™

REAL-TIME SCHOOL BUS TRACKING

Giving you peace of mind

MAKING LIVES EASIER FOR PARENTS

SafeStop is the industry's leading school bus tracking app, and these days when safety is more important than ever, we are proud to help bring peace of mind to busy families. With SafeStop, you can rest assured that you'll know when the bus is approaching and when your child arrives safely at school and at home – each and every day. You can also receive messages from your transportation operator regarding bus changes and delays, something very relevant these days due to the prevailing driver shortage across the industry.

SETTING UP SAFESTOP – Jefferson City School District

To set up Safestop on your mobile phone, please do the following:

New user:

1. Download and install the Safestop app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store
2. Enter the access code for your district: **STA10165**
   (the access code is different for each School District
3. Select the route names (bus numbers) your student rides. You should get these for the current school year from your school district
4. Enter your student's Student ID, First Name and Last Initial to add your students
5. Create 'Alert zones' along the path of the bus as it approaches your stop. You will be notified as the bus goes through each of your zones (you may create as many zones as you like)

Existing user:

If you are already a Safestop user, you can skip steps 1 and 2 above and update your settings per steps 3, 4 and 5 to match the current school year.

For more information, please go to https://safestopapp.com, or scan the QR code below:

CONTACTS

Your Local Transportation Service Provider: jeffersoncsd-safestop@ridesta.com

STAY IN TOUCH
WITH JC SCHOOLS

Follow JC Schools on our many communication tools to receive school closing announcements & other updates.

Phone, Text & Email Alerts

Phone numbers & email addresses from our records are used to send info to parents & staff. Call your school if you aren't receiving messages.

Mobile App

Download the "Jefferson City School District" app in the App Store or Google Play and enable push notifications.

X / Twitter

Follow us on X / Twitter - @JCSchools_

YouTube

Search for our YouTube channel "JCSchools Videos" and subscribe.

Website

Check out jcschools.us for important district & school info. Select "Our Schools" in the menu to view building sites.

E-Flyers

Our e-flyer service, PeachJar, sends event flyers straight to your email inbox.

Facebook

Check us out at Facebook.com/JCSchools

Instagram

Follow us on on Instagram - @JCSchools_

JC Schools Communications 573.659.3018 communications@jcschools.us

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUTRITION SERVICES
315 E DUNKLIN
JEFFERSON CITY MO 65101
573-659-3123

OFFICE OF THE
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Welcome Parents and Students!

Payments for elementary school lunches should be sent in an envelope with the student's name written on the outside. Secondary students need not have an envelope, but we strongly encourage that student ID's be written on the memo line on the check. The Jefferson City School District's lunch program operates on a debit based system. Please make sure that your child has sufficient funds for his/her meals. There is a charging limit of $10 at the Secondary level.
You can make online payments to student's accounts at www.myschoolbucks.com.
An account will need to be set up by a parent with the student's ID number. The student ID number is NOT the one found on the Parent Portal. Please contact the cafeteria cashier for a student ID, or it may be requested on myschoolbucks.com. Student's meal transactions may also be viewed through this account even if online payments are not made. Further instructions for online payments are on the back of this sheet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Eblen at 573-659-3123.

Thank you,
Jefferson City School District
Nutrition Services

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUTRITION SERVICES
315 E DUNKLIN
JEFFERSON CITY MO 65101
573-659-3123

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

Welcome Parents and Students!

Free and Reduced forms will be available to you **after** July 10, 2025. You will have the option to fill it out online or print it off and submit it later. Both are available on our website after July 10th at: https://www.jcschools.us/Page/115

Free and Reduced forms are also available at your child's school during registration, open house, and during the school year. The fully completed form may be dropped off at your child's school, the Board of Education Office or mailed to:

Jefferson City School District
Nutrition Services
315 E. Dunklin St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

You may also fax it to 659-3518 or email a scan of the completed form to: **ashley.eblen@jcshools.us**

Fill out one application per family and include everyone living in your household. Be sure to fill out the form **completely** and accurately including your **signature and the last four digits of you Social Security number** to expedite approval.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Ashley Eblen at 573-659-3123.

Thank you,
Jefferson City Public Schools
Nutrition Services

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUTRITION SERVICES
ONLINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Obtaining Your Students ID Number

- If you do not have your students ID Number from previous correspondence you may get it from your child's school cashier or you may call Ashley Eblen at 659-3123. There is also a request ID button on the website.

Registering for MySchoolBucks.com

- You will first need your child's student **ID NUMBER.**
- ENTER **WWW.MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM**
- Click **Register for a Free Account** and enter the required information**.**
- Click **Register** to complete the initial registration process

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Add Students to Your Family Account

- When you log in you will be taken to the homepage. Enter login information.
- Click **Look Up Your Students**
- Enter the required information**.**
- Click **Add Student**
- Click **Add Another Student** to repeat the process for additional children.
- NOTE: Your child's transaction history report will not display information during the initial account set up process.

How to Make a Deposit

- Click **Make a Payment** located under **Payment Center** on the left.
- Enter an amount
    - If you have more than one child, enter the amount you wish to deposit into the column next to each child's name. DO NOT deposit money for your entire family into ONE child's account.
- Click **Add to Basket**
- Click **Check Out Now**.
    - If you are using a credit card, enter the required information.
    - Payments made with a credit card **usually** appear on a student account the same day but **may take up to 24 hours.**
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To request low balance notifications:

In the left navigation panel, click the 'Email Preferences' link, then check the box to request low balance notifications and fill in the amount. When your child's balance goes below that amount, an email message will be automatically sent to the email address in your user profile.

Parent support:855-832-5226 or email: support@myschoolbucks.com

JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jefferson City, Missouri
Division of Health Services

Dear Parent:

The goal of Health Services is to help a child maintain optimal physical and emotional health so he/she can obtain the most from the education provided. This school district supports that goal by providing health services to the families in our schools. The Division of Health Services welcomes your family to the Jefferson City School District and offers assistance in many ways to help your student have a meaningful and happy experience.

GENERAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Please see conditions listed below that require exclusion from school until 24 hours after conditions subsides without use of medication, unless otherwise stated. This list applies to Pre-K thru 12th grade. Students will be excluded from school for:

- Fever of 100.0 degrees or higher, students can return when fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication such as Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen. Students returning prior to 24 hours from being fever free will be sent home
- Vomiting, if determined due to illness at time of nursing triage
- Diarrhea
- Strep Throat
    - Following a positive throat culture, child must be on antibiotics and without fever for 24 hours before returning to school
- Untreated Ringworm
- Undiagnosed Rashes
- Red Inflamed Eyes / Pink Eye
    - Excluded until diagnosed to rule out Pink Eye and/or treated for 24 hours with antibiotic eye drops
- Impetigo
- Scabies
- Undiagnosed Fainting Spells
- Chicken Pox
    - Excluded until all blisters have dried into scabs, usually by day six after the rash began
- Common Childhood Diseases
    - As regulated by the State

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse. Thank you

MEDICINE POLICY

- **All medication must be provided to the nurse by parent/guardian per Board Policy, medication delivered by students will not be administered until the parent comes in to verify.**
- Do not send medicine to school unless it is absolutely necessary.
- All prescription medications must be delivered to the school nurse in the original container.
- Medications will need the prescription label with doctor's instructions or needs be in the manufacturer's original packaging for over-the-counter medications.
- Medications labeled three times a day should be given at home: breakfast, after school and at bedtime.
- Medications must be accompanied by this signed consent form from the parent/guardian for staff to administer. All instructions (dose, time, frequency) must match the prescription/medication label.
- Medication for students under the age of 12 must be children's strength. Medication labeled for adults will need a doctor's note to be given at school if the student is under the age of 12.
- Health room staff will dispose of old medication (prescription/non- prescription) that hasn't been picked up by the end of school year or end of summer school if attending.
- District policy states students may not possess medications on district transportation. Therefore, the nurse will not send home any pills or liquid medicine with students riding school buses. Parents will need to pick up medicine in the health room/main office of school. If there is a form on file for self-carry of certain medications (Insulin, Diazepam, Epi-Pen, Albuterol Inhaler, etc.) those can be taken home with students.
- Medications or Treatments that do not meet the requirements per Board Policy will not be administered or performed at school.
- Electronic signatures are accepted on this form if it needs to be faxed or emailed to the school nurse.
- A new medication permission form will be required for any medication changes at the start of the school year.
- A new form is not required if changing schools within the district during the current school year or summer school as the form will be available on student record

Medication/Medicine is defined as any substance given to obtain a therapeutic affect or change. Medications that do not meet the above criteria will not be given. Please refer to Board Policy JHCD for full disclosure

Required by Law:

1. State birth registration certificate - to be shown at registration.

2. Immunizations - Missouri School Immunization Requirements for 2025-26 are on the following page. Proof of immunizations, complete with dates (month, day, and year), must be on file upon entering school. In accordance with Missouri law, students cannot attend school without providing satisfactory evidence of immunization, unless they are exempted from immunization.

* A Medical Exemption Card must be signed by a MD or DO when there is a medical reason for not receiving an immunization. An original Medical Exemption Card must be provided to the school registration office or nurse. A letter stating that the student is medically exempt is not acceptable.

*All required immunizations should be obtained through your family physician, but immunizations are also available (by appointment) at the Cole County and Callaway County Health Departments for those with no insurance, Medicaid, or who have a significant barrier to receiving vaccines elsewhere. Local pharmacies are also carrying some of the required vaccines and parents can take children 12 and older to local pharmacies if vaccines are unavailable at your physician's office.

- Cole County Health Department, 3400 W Truman Blvd, Jefferson City, 573-636-2181
- Callaway County Health Department, Fulton, 573-642-6881

2025-2026 MISSOURI SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period. Students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to four days before the due date.
- Missouri-required immunizations should be administered according to the current ACIP schedule, including all spacing, (CDC.Gov/vaccines/schedules).
- To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Immunizations In Progress form (Imm.P.14) on file. In progress means that a child has begun the vaccine series and has an appointment for the next dose. This appointment must be kept and an updated record provided to the school. If the appointment is not kept, the child is no longer in progress and is noncompliant. (i.e., Hep B vaccine series was started but the child is not yet eligible to receive the next dose in the series.)
- Religious (Imm.P.11A) and Medical (Imm.P.12) exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption form must be on file. Unimmunized children are subject to exclusion from school when outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases occur.

Vaccines	Dose Required by Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP/DTP/DT[1]	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+
Tdap[2]									1	1	1	1	1
MCV[3] (Meningococcal Conjugate)									1	1	1	1	2
IPV (Polio)[4]	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
MMR[5]	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hepatitis B[6]	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Varicella[7]	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

1. Last dose on or after the fourth birthday and the last dose of pediatric pertussis before the seventh birthday. **Maximum needed:** six doses.
2. 8-12 Grades: Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required.
3. Grade 8-11: One dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age.

   Grade 12: Two doses of MCV are required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.
4. Kindergarten-12 Grade: Last dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. The interval between the next-to-last and last dose should be at least six months.
5. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age. If MMR and Varicella are not administered on the same day, they must be at least 28 days apart. The 4-day grace period does not apply to live vaccines.
6. There must be at least four weeks between dose one and two; at least 8 weeks between dose two and three; at least 16 weeks between doses one and three and final dose must be given no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
7. First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age. If Varicella and MMR are not administered on the same day, they must be at least 28 days apart. The 4-day grace period does not apply to live vaccines.

   Kindergarten-12 Grade: As satisfactory evidence of disease, a licensed health care provider may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
Bureau of Immunizations

Rev. 12-24

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF JEFFERSON CITY

BACK TO SCHOOL

2025-2026 School Year Enrollment Open 6/16/25!

- Educational STEM Activities
- Homework Help & Tutoring
- Character Building
- Health & Wellness Activities
- Dinner & Snack Services
- Mentoring
- FRIENDSHIPS & FUN!

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF JEFFERSON CITY

The Boys & Girls Club provides after school programming on site at four locations in Jefferson City & Holts Summit.

Railton Center—1105 Lafayette Street Jefferson City, MO 65101
Serves: Thorpe Gordon, East, Moreau Heights, South & Cedar Hill Elementary Schools Students grades K-5
Hours of Operations: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Transportation provided from schools by STA.
Cost of Program: $135/month; $75/month partial scholarship; $50/year membership fee for those on free/reduced lunch.
After School snack and hot dinner provided onsite

Future Blue Tiger Teen Center - 609 Marshall Street Jefferson City, MO 65101
Serves: Lewis & Clark and Thomas Jefferson Middle schools, Capital City High School, JCAC and Jefferson City High School (grades 6-12)
Transportation provided from schools by Boys & Girls Club.
Hours of Operations: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cost of Program: $50/Year Membership Fee
After school snack and hot dinner provided onsite

Sadowski Center - 1123 Charm Villa Drive Jefferson City, MO 65109
Serves: Pioneer Trail School, Belair, West and Lawson Elementary school students grades K-5
Hours of Operations: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Transportation: Provided by STA for Pioneer Trail & Lawson members. Provided by Boys & Girls Club for West and Belair members.
Cost of Program: $135/month; $75/month partial scholarship; $50/year membership fee for those on free/reduced lunch.
After School snack and hot dinner provided onsite

Callaway Hills Elementary School - 2715 State Road AA Holts Summit, MO 65043
Services: Callaway Hills grades K-5
Hours of Operation: M-F, 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cost of Program: $50/Year Membership Fee
After school snack provided onsite

FOR ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS:
Karen Elliott
HR & Membership Coordinator
kelliott@bgcjc.com
(573) 634-2582 Ext. 103

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2025-2026 Y-CARE

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Grades K-5

Register at the Knowles YMCA on Stadium Blvd. beginning May 1st, 2025

Paper forms and immunization records **are required** to register. Paper forms will be available at the Knowles YMCA or online to download at www.jcymca.org
The fee structure can be found online.

Questions? Call 761-0716 or 761-3196.

Scholarships are available to qualifying families! Ask for an Outreach Application at any Y Front Desk.

Y-Care offers a wide variety of fun, educational activities that are guaranteed to keep your school-age child entertained and learning! Y-Care is a state-licensed childcare program that maintains a 16:1 child-staff ratio. Children can choose from a variety of activities including; a homework station, physical education, crafts, games, and more! An afternoon snack is provided.
Y-Care hours are school dismissal until 5:30 pm

Y-Care is offered at the following locations:
• Belair • Cedar Hill • Knowles YMCA (South and Thorpe Gordon) • Lawson • Moreau Heights •North •Pioneer Trail •West • Blair Oaks Elementary

"Top 10" list of skills that will help your child transition to elementary school

(These skills will continue to be learned and practiced during kindergarten):

1. **Takes care of personal needs**: ability to go to the bathroom by self including wiping self as needed, wipe and blow nose, wash and dry hands, fasten/unfasten clothing as needed including buttons, snaps, buckles, zippers, laces.
2. **Has a 15-minute attention span**: ability to stay on task listening to a story, coloring, puzzles, etc. Does NOT include watching TV or videos, playing computer or video games.
3. **Listens while making eye contact** and verbally responds when appropriate.
4. **Follows multi-step directions upon first request**: example, “Pick up the toy and put it in the box.”
5. **Understands the concept of a story**: answer simple questions about a story, look at pictures and tell stories.
6. **Fine motor skills**: Holds pencil correctly, looks at a shape and is able to reproduce it, draws a picture, cuts around a simple shape, uses glue and glue sticks.
7. **Knows personal information**: recognize their written name, write first name beginning with a capital letter and the rest lower case, verbally say first and last name, age, date of birth, parent’s name, learning address and phone number.
8. **Recognizes basic colors and shapes**: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black, circle, square, triangle, rectangle, hexagon.
9. **Says ABCs**: recognize upper and lower case letters, recognize at least letters in name.
10. **Counts**: Rote counts to 30 (minimum of 10), counts 12 items, recognizes numbers 1-10

10 Ways to Get Ready for Kindergarten:

1. Create a routine over the summer. Give your child a bedtime (8 p.m. is great!) and stick to it.
2. Have your child practice writing their first name. If your child can do this, try the last name or practice lower case letters.
3. Use counting in your daily activities. Count how many steps it takes to get to the mailbox or the park. Count out fruit, placemats, napkins, and so forth.
4. Take your child with you to the grocery store, post office, library, and other errands. Talk with them about what they're seeing, hearing, and touching. *It's all part of learning!*
5. Visit your local library and help your child get a free library card. Then use the card to visit the library each week and borrow a book. Talk about the books you read. Ask questions like: What was your favorite part of the story? Which part did you like the least? Halfway through, ask your child what they think will happen at the end.
6. Let your child practice their independence by allowing them to make certain choices ("Do you want an apple or a banana?") and by encouraging them to try new things and to problem solve.
7. Set a limit to the amount of TV your child watches (1-2 hours should be the maximum). When possible, watch TV with them and talk about what you see.
8. Prepare a "study spot" for your child and supply it with crayons, paper, scissors, and other kindergarten "tools." Set aside a time each day for your child to draw there. Once school starts, this can become the time and place where your child does their homework.
9. Help your child know or be able to do the following before they enter kindergarten: Their name, address, and telephone number; to use the bathroom on their own and button and zip their clothes; to share and play with other children. This will help them adjust to their new kindergarten classroom.
10. Read, read read!

*This list was modified from one at www.countdowntokindergarten.org

Books about Kindergarten:

There are a large number of different books available about going to school! Here is a partial list of ones that it may be helpful to read and discuss with your child as they prepare to start elementary school:

The Berenstain Bears Go to School by Stan & Jan Berenstain
Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee
How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague
If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Numeroff
Kindergarten Rocks! by Katie Davis
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
The Night Before Kindergarten by Natasha Wing
Tiptoe Into Kindergarten by Jacqueline Rogers
Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell
Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
We Share Everything! by Robert Munsch

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

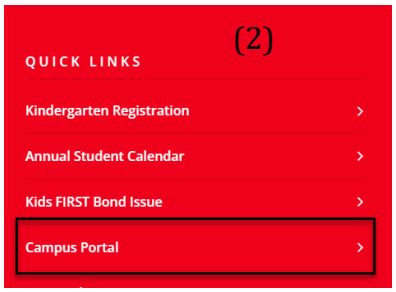
Infinite Campus Parent Portal is a way for parents/guardians to access student information, register students for the upcoming school year, and receive school communications. The following student information can be found on Portal:

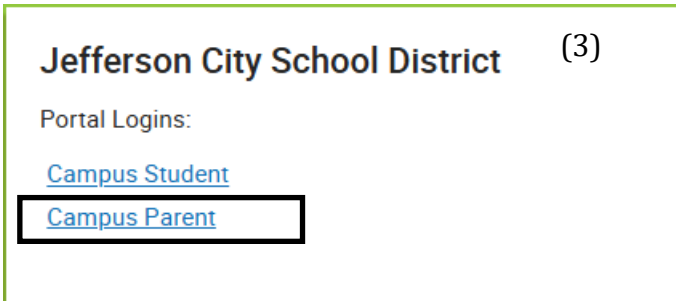
- Grades/Assignments
- Attendance
- Report Cards
- Schedule (Note: K-5 Will not have a schedule, just courses for grading)
- Unofficial Transcript
- Messages from School Staff
- Immunizations
- Online Registration
- Transportation

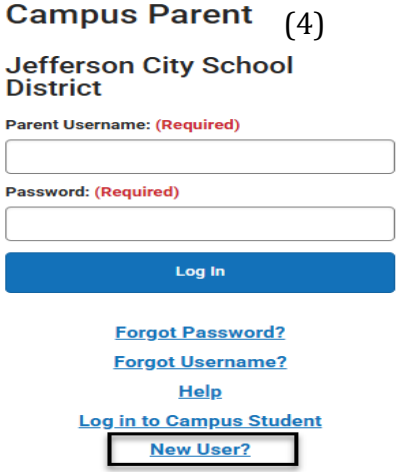
(Must first set up using a computer or tablet)

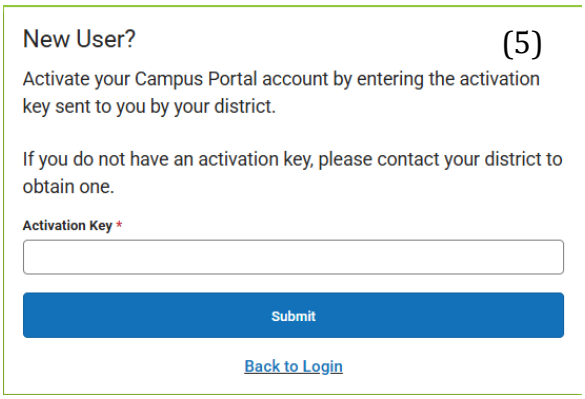
Accessing Parent Portal from a Computer:

1.) Visit jcschools.us
2.) Under "Quick Links" select "Campus Portal"
3.) Click "Campus Parent"
4.) Once on the log-in screen, select "New User" from the bottom.
5.) Enter the activation code you received from the Welcome Center or from Portal Help. *(An **Activation Key** will be emailed to you from "**JCSD Notice**" once your student(s) registration is complete.)*
6.) Create a user name and password. Passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters and includes letters, numbers and special characters. (eg. @, #, $, !, & ect.)
7.) If you need an activation code, or help with logging in, email portalhelp@jcschools.us







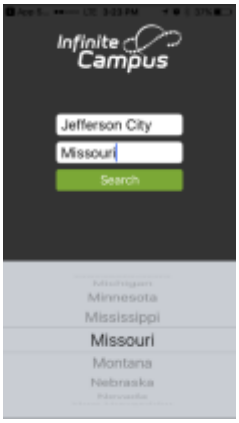


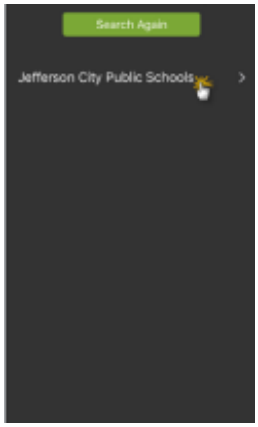
Campus Parent Mobile App

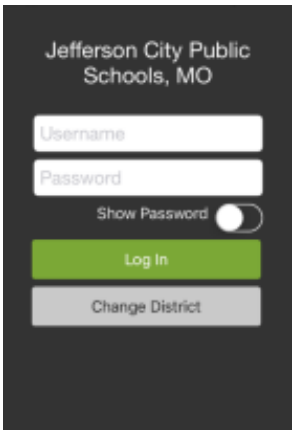
1) To download the Infinite Campus Mobile Portal application go to any of the the following app stores:

2) Download the App **Campus Parent.**

3) Enter the district name (**Jefferson City Public Schools)** and the state (**Missouri**). Select Jefferson City Public Schools.







4) Enter your username and password.

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